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THE THEFT OF MONTANA.

Philadelphia Times: The republicans fairly won four congressmen and six United States senators in the three new states of North Dakota, South Dakota and Washington, and they fairly won one congressman in Montana, but lost the legislature by five majority, the governor and two United States senators.

With such a victory any reasonable party would be satisfied, but the republican leaders of Montana have decided to rescue themselves from defeat by resorting to the science of theft in politics.

In Montana, as in Pennsylvania, and generally elsewhere, the officials who canvass and return the vote possess no judicial powers. It is their duty to compute and certify the votes as they are cast, and not to assume judicial authority and pass upon the legality of the election or votes; but a true return of the votes polled and counted in Silver Bow county elected a democratic legislature, and by entirely discarding the whole poll of one large democratic precinct the republicans would secure the legislature. The political complexion of the legislature and two United States senatorships thus hung on the acceptance or rejection of one precinct, and the science of political theft was adopted and the legislature stolen by lawless rejection of the whole vote of one district.

A score of years ago, when Montana administered justice with stern severity in obedience to the unwritten laws of the people, such a theft would have made the thieving canvassers dance a jig on nothing from a neighboring tree; but Montana has come entirely within the pale of civilization since then, and theft is not so perilous as it was. We doubt whether decent citizens of any party would regret the summary punishment of revolutionary political theft, such as the old-time vigilantes administered in many cases without the reproach of a single unjust judgment; but civilization forbids it and political theft, under our boasted civilization, is often stronger than the law. All parties agree that political theft must cease to have immunity by partisan power if we would preserve free government; but, as a rule organs and politicians declaim against it only when their particular side loses by the steal. When will the good men of all parties unite in solid phalanx to de-throne political theft and stamp political thieves with infamy.

When thieves fall out, the prospects for an honest count grow brighter. The organ of the Helena faction of State Stealers is resisting with all its feeble might the advancement of the hearing of the mandamus proceeding in Silver Bow county. But the organ of the Butte gang wants to get the lead off its mind as soon as possible. Says the Inter Mountain:

If, as the morning papers state, a special term of the district court has been called in this county to convene Monday, Oct. 28, it would seem that the mandamus case can be readily settled. We see no reason for a special session, but if one has been called by the supreme court, no good citizen will object to the arrangement. Republicans in particular are always willing to abide by the actions and decisions of constituted authority. Yet we think the report is another democratic lie or another evidence of democratic stupidity. But if the session has been called let the tunnel case come up as soon as possible, that the suspense may be ended and justice prevail.

The old roadster of the Inter Mountain knows when it is best to come up to the rack. He does not believe in choking at the end of the halter like the wild Helena colt, when kicking will do no good.

The Journal's lawyer-editor has been brooding so long over the political misfortunes of Botkin that he hasn't kept up with the procession. The original writ of mandamus in the Silver Bow contest was made returnable "on the first day of the court at the opening thereof."

The statement in another part of the writ that the first day of the regular term was November 7 was a clerical error to which attention was called at the time. The "first day of the court" was November 4. Under the order of

the judges fixing an earlier date "the first day of the court at the opening thereof" will now be Monday, October 28. If the republican conspirators fight for delay, as the course of the Journal plainly shows they intend to do, they can doubtless stave off the original case until Nov. 7, but if they desired to reach a speedy settlement of the contest they could join the democrats in giving unanimous consent to go ahead on the 28th; but whatever they do the illegal action of the canvassers in throwing out the vote of Tunnel precinct will still be passed upon on Monday in the case of McHatton, candidate for district judge of Silver Bow county, who has obtained a writ of mandamus to which an answer is required on that day. Precisely the same points are involved as in the other case. The conspirators may hold back and dig their heels into the ground and clutch the air, but the law has got its iron grip on them and they are being slowly dragged to their doom. They are powerless for mischief now except in the direction of delaying statehood. That is their latest programme. The clumsy Journal removes the mask.

Suppose the action of the republican canvassers in Silver Bow county in throwing out the vote of an entire precinct on flimsy technicalities should be sustained and pass into a precedent. Where would it land the republican party in Montana? The democrats have elected this year a majority of the county commissioners in Silver Bow, Deer Lodge, Lewis and Clarke and three or four other counties. The canvassing of the votes in these counties at the election of a representative in congress next year will be in the hands of democratic boards. If these boards can reject votes at their will, wherever partisan objections are raised on account of petty irregularities, and count only such votes as please them, as the Silver Bow canvassers have done, what would the result be? There isn't a county in the state where irregularities similar to or more serious than those at tunnel precinct did not exist at the late election and are not committed every year. Should the Silver Bow case become a precedent in law, we would have anarchy within five years.

We continue the publication of the editorial comments of leading newspapers of the country on the state stealing conspiracy. There is but one voice on this subject throughout the country. The flutter of the apologetic republican organs in Helena shows that they are beginning to measure the enormity of the crime that has been committed against the people of Montana. Public opinion is a bar at which the most brazen criminal dreads to be arraigned and even the Montana soundrels shrink from the ordeal. But they have worse trials yet to go through.

The Yellowstone Journal takes the cake in its denial that the registration law worked hardships to voters. It says the reason why 400 men in Custer county who had registered afterward failed to vote was because election day was "right in the middle of the beef-shipping season." This is even funnier than the Herald's attempts at explanation.

We are sorry the Journal doesn't think there are any honest republicans in Montana. We had thought better of the party than that.

The return of Henry Villard, backed by unlimited capital and the confidence of the entire financial world, to the head of the Northern Pacific system, calls forth approval and congratulations from the press of the entire northwest. The Minneapolis Journal says of it: "Henry Villard is a very remarkable man. After having climbed by sheer force of his own unaided ability from an obscure position to a place among the leading financiers of the country, he lost his health, and while in that crippled and defenseless condition he was assailed by business rivals and stripped of his power and influence. His prestige lost and his health gone, he disappeared for a time from public notice and was comparatively forgotten. The superficial judgment of the public was that he was a failure. But in the meantime he rested and regained his health, and now, on the very field where he lost his honors he has regained his standing in the financial world and is again at the head of the great enterprise which he did so much to build up. The second rise to prominence and power is a more signal evidence of the ability and great natural resources of the man than his earlier achievements, because in this instance he was obliged to overcome the serious obstacle of apparent failure in the first instance. Henry Villard is a stronger man to-day than he was ever before, and with the recollection of his liberal policy toward this city in the past and his generous recognition of its merits and its claims we cannot feel otherwise than gratified at his return to active participation in the material development of the northwest."

PUEBLO, Colorado, is to have a mineral palace in which will be exhibited specimens of the products of the Colorado mines, as well as those of the rest of the world. The exhibition will be a permanent affair and a building to cost a quarter of a million will be erected. Isn't it about time Montana, the wealth of whose mines exceeds that of Colorado, was waking up to show the world what she could do? A building that would serve the double purpose of an exposition hall and an auditorium for public meetings, concerts and the like, would supply a great need in Helena.

BURNED TO THE WATER'S EDGE.

Five Lives Lost Through the Destruction of a Canadian Steamer.

KINROSS, Ont., Oct. 23.—The steamer Quint was burned to the water's edge about three miles from Deseronto, while on her way to Pictou, about six o'clock this evening. Five lives are supposed to be lost, those of Capt. Christie, his mother and young brother Charles, the lady's maid and a young son, named Davern, of Trenton. As far as can be ascertained the passengers were all saved. Three or four have severe burns, but the doctors report none are seriously hurt. Many were badly chilled by being in the water. All the survivors have been taken to Deseronto and are being properly cared for. The fire, it is supposed, started in the furnace room, and spread quickly to the whole boat. The captain ran her ashore, only a short distance away, where she lies almost entirely destroyed. All the freight and baggage were burned.

It is feared two and perhaps three deck hands on the vessel were also lost. The engineer is badly burned. He is unable to account for the fire, which originated in the engine room.

SNOWING IN THE EAST.

Maryland, Virginia, and Other Sections Visited by the First Snow of the Season.

WINCHESTER, Va., Oct. 23.—It has snowed most of the day, with the thermometer near freezing point. Thirty-six years ago the snow fell to a depth of fourteen inches, breaking down trees and shrubbery. Reports from Staunton and Harrisburg say the weather has been extremely inclement all day, alternately raining, hailing and snowing.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 23.—The first snow of the season began falling before daylight this morning and continued all forenoon. It melted as fast as it fell.

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—There was quite a lively snow storm at Sandy Hook to-day. It was the first of the season.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 23.—The first snow of the season fell this morning.

OUTLINING THE CASE.

The Plans of the Prosecution in the Cronin Trial.

CHICAGO, Oct. 23.—The Journal this evening asserts that either in States-Attorney Longnecker's opinion in his speech in the Cronin case to-morrow, or in the evidence to be introduced later, there will be several surprises. The weak point in the case has always been thought to be the inability of the state to show that Dr. Cronin actually entered the Carlson cottage the night of the murder. The Journal claims that the states-attorney has two witnesses who saw Cronin driven up to the cottage and watched him enter. It is also said evidence will be produced to show that four men took part in the murder of Cronin. Cronin, Burke, and a man not yet arrested or indicted, Sullivan, it is claimed, acted as sentry outside. Kunze is said to be the man who drove Cronin to the cottage.

Spreckles' Big Contest.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 26.—Claus Spreckles intended to begin work at his refinery to-day, but owing to bad weather and other causes was prevented from doing so. Active operations will probably begin next week. Spreckles is confident that he will win the fight against the sugar trust. "I will produce 1,000,000 pounds of sugar a day at the start," said Mr. Spreckles. "By February two million pounds a day will be turned out. I have decided to double the plant, and when the new buildings are finished, as they will be before the end of next year, I will produce four million pounds a day. New Orleans will be the next objective point. A refinery will be built there with a capacity of a million pounds a day, and when I have doubled my plant here I will produce six million pounds of sugar per day. The trust produces eight million pounds a day, so when I get fully started I shall turn out three-fourths of the entire product, and I shall sell it, too."

Missoula Realty Booming.

MISSOULA, Oct. 23.—[Special.]—Quite a number of real estate men of Helena are here negotiating for tracts of land lying adjacent to the city. Real estate is increasing in value very rapidly, and the first indications of a boom in Missoula has been noticed in the last two or three days.

R. E. Case and Miss Nethelyn Phillips, daughter of Hon. J. T. Phillips, of this city, both well known society people, were married at the Presbyterian church this evening. They left for a week's tour on the coast.

Paid the Penalty.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Oct. 23.—Peter Baranowski was hanged this morning for the murder of the wife of Anthony Pullavitch and her servant, Anna Katch. The motive was robbery, \$800 being secured. The murderer burned the house in which the crime was committed.

Burke Indicted.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 23.—The grand jury to-day resumed the state bond investigation and returned three more indictments, two of them being against Ex-Treasurer E. A. Burke, for forgery, in uttering as true, forged bonds of the state.

Look Out for Ben.

BOSTON, Oct. 23.—Gen. B. F. Butler says he proposes to write a campaign history of public affairs in which he has been concerned, in which he proposes to do justice to his friends and enemies, especially the latter.

The Perils of Railroad Building.

WICHITA, Oct. 23.—There is an excited crowd at Kingfisher, Indian territory. Yesterday the track layers of the Rock Island road reached the Oklahoma line. There they were met by United States troops and slain, but to Kingfisher at the point of the bayonet.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

The flouring mill of L. C. Porter, at Wintonia, Minn., burned yesterday. Loss, \$150,000.

Barbour, Brooke and Gardner, of New York, manufacturers agents and dealers in draperies, have made a general assignment.

El Rio Rey is out of danger, but it is probable Winters will not take the risk of sending him back to California for the winter.

A movement is on foot in London to raise funds to erect a monument over the grave of Lord Howe, recently discovered at Tidouderoga, N. Y.

Secretary Blaine yesterday began the hearing of the United States consul to Morocco, Lewis, in the charge made against him by a merchant of Fez. The inquiry will continue next week.

It is stated the Chinese railway scheme has collapsed owing to French insistence

upon the enforcement of the article in the old treaty entitling France to supply personnel and material for any Chinese railway.

THE MARKETS.

STOCKS.

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.—Bar silver 96 1/2. Copper—Dull; lake, Oct., \$10.85. Lead—Quiet; steady; domestic, \$3.80. The strength in the stock market continued to-day, and while trading was less active in the forenoon, it increased later, when several stocks moved up rapidly. The advances, however, were not so prominent, and while the entire active list is again higher to-night, the improvement is generally confined to fractional amounts. The important final changes are few in number. Union Pacific rose 1/4, Jersey Central and Louisville & Nashville 1/2 cent, each, while sugar refineries are down 1/4. Governments dull and steady.

Petroleum opened at 100%. Soon after the opening reports of increased demand for export and a decreased supply started the efforts to covering, and they forced the price up to 102 1/2. Realizing sales then caused a reaction, on which the market closed steady at 102 1/2. Government bonds, 4 1/2, 12 1/2, 10 1/2; Northern Pacific, 25 1/2; preferred, 23 1/2; Oregon Improvement, 50; Oregon Navigation, 100; Transcontinental, 35 1/2; Union Pacific, 96 1/2. Money on call easier, 3/8. Closed offered at 3. Prime mercantile paper 5 1/2 to 5 7/8. Sterling exchange quiet; weak sixty-day bills, \$4.81; demand, \$4.85.

CHICAGO PRODUCE.
CHICAGO, Oct. 23, 1:15 p. m.—Close—Wheat—Firm; Oct., 75 1/2; Dec., 80 1/4; May, 83 1/2. Corn—Steady; Oct., 20 1/2; Dec., 20 1/2; May, 22 1/2. Oats—Steady; Oct., 18; Nov., 18 1/2; May, 21 1/2. Pork—Easy; Oct., \$10.80; Jan., \$9.50. Lard—Steady; Oct., \$6.25; Jan., \$5.50.

CHICAGO CATTLE.
CHICAGO, Oct. 23.—Cattle—Receipts, 15,000; steady on good, others weak; heavy, \$4.50 to \$5.00; steers, \$3.00 to \$4.00; stockers and feeders, \$1.00 to \$2.00; Texas cattle \$1.00 to \$2.00; western rangers, \$2.00 to \$4.00.

Hogs—Receipts, 20,000; closing 56 to 60; lower; light, \$3.00 to \$3.50; heavy, \$3.50 to \$4.00; light, 3.50 to 4.00. Sheep—Receipts, 10,000; steady; natives, \$3.00 to \$3.50; westerns, \$3.00 to \$3.50; Texans, \$2.50 to \$3.00.

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